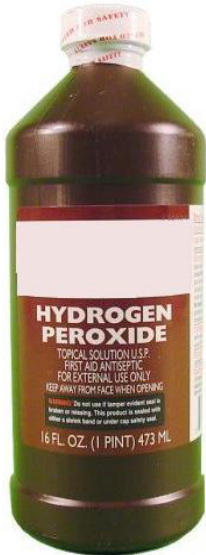


Preventing Crypto in the Daycare

Disinfecting Against Crypto

What Will Kill Crypto?



In a daycare setting crypto can be spread from contact with contaminated objects and surfaces. Commonly used bleach-based cleaning products are not effective in killing crypto.

Hydrogen peroxide and ammonia are most effective against crypto. Hydrogen peroxide is a better choice than ammonia. It works in less time and doesn't have a strong odor. Hydrogen peroxide can be found in the pharmacy section of most grocery stores.

Hydrogen Peroxide:

- Use a 3% concentration (99% crypto kill rate) or a 6% concentration (99.9% crypto kill rate) of hydrogen peroxide.
- Soak the object or surface with hydrogen peroxide solution for 20 minutes.

Ammonia:

- Use a 5% concentration ammonia and soak surface for 18 hours.

What to Disinfect?

Use the following guidelines during a crypto outbreak in your facility.

Clean At Least Once Daily:

- Bathrooms
- Diaper changing area
- Food preparation surfaces

Clean Twice Daily:

- Toys
- Table tops
- High chairs



Toys that are dishwasher safe can be disinfected in a dishwasher that has a dry cycle or a final rinse cycle that exceeds 113°F for 20 minutes, 122°F for 5 minutes, or 162°F 1 minute. Use regular dish detergent.

Cloth toys may be washed (use normal laundry soap) and heat dried on the highest clothes dryer heat setting for 30 minutes.

